



News from Congressman Tom Lantos

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TOM LANTOS ANNOUNCES OVER \$13 MILLION IN FEDERAL GRANTS FOR AIRPORT SAFETY AND SECURITY

Washington, D.C. - Congressman Tom Lantos (D-San Mateo / San Francisco) today announced today over \$13 million in grants for safety and security improvements at San Francisco International Airport. "I am elated that these improvements can now be made," said Congressman Lantos.

The Department of Transportation (DOT) will provide primary entitlement and discretionary funds totally \$13,397,719 to rehabilitate runways, taxiways, runway aprons, and runway lighting. Airport drainage improvements and additional security enhancements will also be made.

Congressman Lantos noted that, "San Francisco International Airport is a critical component of the Bay Area economy, business services, and tourist industry and these improvements will help make our airport safer and more secure."

The federal grant includes \$7,047,719 in primary entitlement funds and \$6,350,000 in discretionary funds to provide for runway improvements necessary to preserve pavement life and enhance safety. The rehabilitation of the runway electrical power distribution system is required to meet current airport electrical design standards. Included in the grant are funds to conduct a seismic and structural study for the North Terminal boarding area at the airport.

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